



Applications are being accepted for the Waverly Chamber of Commerce & Main Street Program's

## **2026 Lifetime Achievement Award**

**Purpose of the Award:** The Lifetime Achievement Award is given to recognize individuals, who through their personal involvement, leadership abilities, and selfless giving of their time and talent, have positively affected the community at large through a lifetime of service.

Nominees must live and/or work in Waverly, Iowa.

Written nominations should include the following information:

- a. An overview of the nominee's involvement in a broad spectrum of community betterment.
- b. Demonstration that the activities are not exclusively an extension of the nominee's business interests.
- c. Listing of specific accomplishments related to community improvement.
- d. Overall impact the nominee's contribution of time and talent has had to the overall betterment of the community.
- e. Examples of leadership qualities and of being a team player.

The Lifetime Achievement Award will be announced at the Chamber's Annual Awards Celebration on **Thursday, March 26, 2026**. The recipient will receive a gift and be recognized through media coverage.

**Nomination forms must be received in our office no later than February 20, 2026.**

Please e-mail or send your nomination to Awards Committee at:  
118 E Bremer Ave., Waverly, IA 50677  
Email: [chelsea@waverlychamber.com](mailto:chelsea@waverlychamber.com)

## **NOMINATION FOR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

If additional space is needed, one additional page may be attached to this form.

Nominee's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Workplace: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

- a. Provide an overview of the nominee's involvement in a broad spectrum of community betterment.
  
  
  
  
  
- b. Demonstrate that the activities are not exclusively an extension of the nominee's business interests.
  
  
  
  
  
- c. List specific accomplishments related to community improvement.
  
  
  
  
  
- d. Describe the overall impact the nominee's contribution of time and talent has had to the overall betterment of the community.
  
  
  
  
  
- e. Examples of leadership qualities and of being a team player.

Nominators Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## Past Award Recipients

### CITIZENSHIP AWARD

1976 Vern Schield  
1977 Herb Rathe  
1978 Ed & Rachel Kohlmann  
1979 Vern Schield  
1980 Gus Niewohner  
1981 Erna Moehl  
1982 Larry Carver  
1983 John Chellevold  
1984 Vince Carstensen  
1985 Vern Iserman  
1986 Fred Gaylor  
1987 Clarence Carstensen  
1988 Ralph & Lavon Juhl  
1989 Vern Kehe  
1990 Fred Infelt  
1991 Al Bahlmann  
1992 Ivan Ackerman  
1993 Lois Coonradt  
1994 Ronald Matthias  
1995 Paul Meyers  
1996 Larry Graening  
1997 John Meyer  
1998 Wilbur Schield  
1999 Les Zelle  
2000 Jim & Jackie Strotman

### LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

(replaced Citizenship Award)  
2001 Tom & Sue Taiber  
2002 Marv Walston  
2003 Jim Corson  
2004 Gary Nelson  
2005 Jerry Aleff & Sandra Rada-Aleff  
2006 Dr. Jim and Evelyn Rathe  
2007 Keith & Joy Schuldt  
2008 Cal Corson  
2009 Janice Johnson  
2010 Paula Stevenson  
2011 Barb Bridges  
2012 David Huser  
2013 Gary Boorom  
2014 Reid Koenig  
2015 John Johnston  
2016 Kathy Folkerts  
2017 Garry & Ruthie Davis  
2018 Kathy Olson  
2019 Tab Ray  
2021 Bob Mick  
2022 Dean Soash  
2023 Dan McKenzie  
2024 Susan Vallem  
2025 Charles Infelt